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SUBJECT: NISHGA INDIAN CLAIMS IN THE DIXON ENTRANCE

REF: A) OTTAWA 10508 B) VANCOUVER 1102

1. ACCORDING TO FRONT-PAGE REPORT IN THE VANCOUVER PROVINCE OF JANUARY 9, THE NISHGA INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL IS MEETING TODAY (JANUARY 9) WITH CANADIAN BOUNDARY AND FISHERIES NEGOTIATOR MARCEL CADIEUX IN OTTAWA TO EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE CANADIAN BOUNDARY CONCESSIONS TO THE U.S. IN THE DIXON ENTRANCE. THE NISHGAS REPORTEDLY WANT THE GOC TO INSIST ON THE 54 DEGREE 40 LINE IN THE DIXON ENTRANCE SO AS TO PRECLUDE ACCESS BY U.S. FISHERMEN TO NASS AND SKEENA RIVER SALMON.

2. THE NISHGAS ARE ALSO IN OTTAWA TO DISCUSS THEIR LAND CLAIMS WITH B.C. PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 10. AS REPORTED IN REF A, THERE SEEMS LITTLE PROSPECT OF THE LAND CLAIM BEING SETTLED SINCE BRITISH COLUMBIA, WHICH OWNS ALL THE LAND INVOLVED, REFUSES TO EVEN BASE DISCUSSIONS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ABORIGINAL TITLE.

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E. THE PROVINCE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOME B.C. SOURCES (UNNAMED) BELIEVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY BE TEMPTED TO TRY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO THE U.S. AT THE WEST COAST'S EXPENSE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS ON THE EAST COAST.

4. CLIPPINGS BEING POUCHED.

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